funding to arsenic, fluoride, nitrate, salinity and iron affected habitations and by releasing the 20% of ARWSP funds from the Centre only to water quality affected States, after receipt of formal proposal from them along with the minutes of the State level Scheme Sanctioning Committee meeting and level of contamination in each habitation. Addressing all water quality problem habitations is a component of Bharat Nirman.

Rural Development Schemes for tribal areas

84. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire rural development schemes cover also autonomous council areas for tribals as it is in the Panchayati Raj area; and

(b) if not, how the non-tribals in Tribal Autonomous Council will be covered under Rural Development Schemes?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The rural development schemes implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development cover the entire rural area of the country including the autonomous council areas. However, the National Employment Guarantee Scheme is implemented in 200 districts of the country presently.

(b) Does not arise.

Rural Business Hubs functioning in Andhra Pradesh

85. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Rural Business Hubs (RBHs) functioning in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise, location-wise;

(b) the aims and objectives of RBH;

(c) the funding pattern of RBH and amount contributed by Centre and State Government for RBH scheme in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the details of the business done by RBH in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years and the revenue earned by them?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) There are no Rural Business Hub (RBH) as yet functioning in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) are working together to facilitate building linkages between Panchayats, Industries and business to create Rural Business Hubs (RBH) in different blocks of the country including Andhra Pradesh. Rural Business Hubs are proposed to be Public-Private-Panchayat Partnerships which will help to produce/improve/refine goods from locally available resources and enable them to reach larger market.

(c) RBH is not a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and has no direct funding either from the State or from Central Government. It is proposed that Panchayats will converge Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Government Schemes for RBH in rural areas, wherever panchayats are in place. The financing of Rural Business Hubs is envisaged as a business proposition on the public-private-panchayat-partnership principle which would be supported by such 'top-up' funds as may be available for the purpose. Assistance is also envisaged from specialized institutions like NABARD, KVIC etc.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a).

Roads constructed under PMGSY in Buxar, Bihar

†86. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of roads being constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in district Buxar of Bihar;

(b) the details of the length and estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether Government would include some other roads under this scheme during the current financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the mechanism in place to ensure timely completion and better quality of roads and whether the said mechanism is functioning properly?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.